Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A process for producing an agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particle, comprising as steps:

(A) bringing (i) superabsorbent polymer fine particles ~~which have to~~ having at least about 40 wt.% a particle size of less than about 150 μm[[,]] into contact with (ii) a fluid comprising to more than about 10 wt.%, based on the total weight of the fluid, a cross-linkable, uncross-linked polymer, which polymer is based on ~~polymerised~~ polymerized, ethylenically unsaturated, acid groups-bearing monomers or salts thereof to at least about 20 wt.%, based on the total weight of the cross-linkable, uncrosslinked polymer[[,]]; and

(B) cross-linking the uncross-linked polymer by heating the superabsorbent polymer fine particles brought into contact with the fluid to a temperature within a range from about 20 to about 300 °C, so that the cross-linkable, uncross-linked polymer [[is]] at least partially ~~crosslinked~~ crosslinks,

wherein

(a) the cross-linkable, uncross-linked polymer comprises, besides the polymerised polymerized, ethylenically unsaturated, acid groups-bearing monomers, further ~~polymerised~~ polymerized, ethylenically unsaturated monomers (M) ~~which can react~~ capable of reacting with ~~polymerised~~ polymerized acid group-bearing monomers in a condensation reaction, in an addition reaction, or in a ring opening reaction, and/or

(b) the fluid comprises, beside the cross-linkable, uncrosslinked polymer, a crosslinker.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ A process according to ~~claim~~ Claim 1, wherein the cross-linkable, uncrosslinked polymer ~~has~~ comprises a weight average molecular weight of more than about 8000 g/mol.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ A process according to ~~claim 1 or 2~~ Claim 1, wherein the monomer (M) [[is]] comprises a ~~polymerised~~ polymerized, ethylenically unsaturated conversion product of saturated aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, aromatic alcohols, amines or thiols with ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid, carboxylic acid derivatives or allyl halides.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ A process according to Claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the superabsorbent polymer fine particles comprise an inner portion and a surface portion bordering the inner portion [[and]], wherein the surface portion comprises a different chemical composition ~~that~~ than the inner portion or a different ~~differs from the inner portion in a~~ physical property than the inner portion.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ A process according to Claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the bringing into contact of the superabsorbent polymer fine particles with the fluid occurs in the presence of an effect material ~~based on~~ comprising a polysaccharide or a polyalkylether polyol or [[on]] a silicon-oxygen-comprising compound or [[on]] a mixture of at least two thereof.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ A process according to ~~claim~~ Claim 5, wherein the effect material [[is]] comprises a zeolite.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ A process according to Claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the bringing into contact occurs in a ~~fluidised~~ fluidized bed.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ A process according to Claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein during or after step (B) a postcrosslinker is added as a step (C).

9. (Currently Amended) An agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particle obtainable by a process according to Claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~.

10. (Currently Amended) An agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particle comprising [[to]] more than about 75 wt.% superabsorbent polymer fine particles, wherein:

(A1) the superabsorbent polymer fine particles ~~have~~ comprise, [[to]] at least about 40 wt.% based on the total weight of the superabsorbent polymer fine particles, a particle size of less than about 150 µm and abut at least partially onto a matrix of a crosslinked polymer,

(A2) wherein the crosslinked polymer ~~is based to~~ comprises at least about 20 wt.%, based on the total weight of the crosslinked polymer, [[on]] ~~polymerised~~ polymerized acid group-bearing monomers or salts thereof,

(A3) the crosslinked polymer comprises a different chemical composition [[to]] than the superabsorbent polymer fine particles or ~~differs from the superabsorber fine particles in~~ a different physical property than the superabsorbent polymer fine particles, and

(A4) wherein less than about 50 wt.% of the superabsorbent polymer particle comprises ~~a portion of particles with~~ a particle size of less than about 150 µm ~~of less than 50 wt.% after carrying out once the stability test described herein~~.

11. (Currently Amended) An agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particle comprising superabsorbent polymer fine particles ~~which have~~ having, [[to]] at least about 50 wt.% based on the total weight of the superabsorbent polymer fine particles, an average particle size of less than about 150 µm and ~~which abut onto~~ abutting a matrix of a crosslinked polymer, wherein:

(B1) the crosslinked polymer ~~is based to~~ comprises at least about 20 wt.%, based on the total weight of the crosslinked polymer, on ethylenic acid group-bearing monomers or salts thereof,

(B2) the crosslinked polymer comprises a different chemical composition [[to]] than the superabsorbent polymer fine particles or a different physical property than ~~differs from the~~ superabsorbent polymer fine particles ~~in a physical property~~, and wherein

(B3) the matrix comprises, besides the crosslinked polymer, an effect material ~~based on~~ comprising a polysaccharide or [[on]] a polyalkylether polyol or [[on]] a silicon-oxygen-comprising compound or [[on]] a mixture of at least two thereof.

12. (Currently Amended) An agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particle according to ~~any one of claims 9 to 11~~ Claim 9, wherein the superabsorbent polymer fine particles comprise an inner portion and a surface portion bordering the inner portion and wherein the surface portion comprises a different chemical composition [[to]] from the inner portion or a different physical property ~~differs~~ from the inner portion ~~in a physical property~~.

13. (Currently Amended) An agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particle according to ~~any one of claims 9 to 12~~ Claim 11, wherein the superabsorbent polymer fine particles comprise an inner portion and a surface portion bordering the inner portion and wherein the surface portion comprises a different chemical composition [[to]] from the inner portion or a different physical property ~~differs~~ from the inner portion ~~in a physical property~~.

14. (Currently Amended) Agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particles according to ~~any one of claims 9 to 13~~ Claim 9, wherein the agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particles have at least one of the following properties:

a1) a particle size distribution, whereby at least about 80 wt.% of the particles have a particle size within a range of about 20 µm to about 5 mm;

a2) a Centrifuge Retention Capacity (CRC) of at least about 5 g/g;

a3) an Absorption Against Pressure (AAP) at about 0.7 psi of at least about 5 g/g;

a4) a water-soluble polymer content of less than about 25 wt.% after about 16 hours extraction.

15. (Currently Amended) A composite comprising the agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particles according to ~~any one of claims 9 to 14~~ Claim 9 and a substrate.

16. (Currently Amended) A process for producing a composite~~, wherein~~ comprising contacting the agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particles according to ~~any one of claims 7 to 12 and~~ Claim 9 with a substrate ~~and optionally an additive are brought into contact with each other~~.

17. (Currently Amended) A composite obtainable according to the process according to ~~claim 14~~ Claim 16.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of the~~ Using the agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particles according to Claim 9 ~~any one of claims 7 to 12 or of the composite according to claim 13 or 15~~ in hygiene products, for combating floods, for insulation against water, for regulating the water management of soils or for treating food products.

19. (New) The process according to Claim 16 further comprising contacting the agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particles according to Claim 9 and the substrate with an additive.

20. (New) Using the composite according to Claim 15 in hygiene products, for combating floods, for insulation against water, for regulating the water management of soils or for treating food products.